

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A preformed flower pot cover disposable about a flower pot, the preformed flower pot cover comprising:

a preformed base sized to contain the flower pot and having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and a pot opening formed through the upper end thereof and providing access to a pot receiving space, the preformed base having a two dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof formed by at least one ink applied thereto so as to form highlighted and shaded areas which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

2. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 1 wherein the preformed flower pot cover further comprises:

a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance from the upper end of the preformed base and terminating with an outer periphery.

3. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 2 wherein the skirt is provided with a printed pattern thereon, the printed pattern having shaded and highlighted areas to provide the printed pattern on the skirt with a three dimensional

appearance due to the visual perception of depth created by the shaded and highlighted areas of the printed pattern.

4. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 2 wherein the upper end of the preformed base is disposable above the upper end of the flower pot when the flower pot is disposed in the pot receiving space and wherein the skirt of the preformed flower pot cover is provided with a printed pattern thereon, the printed pattern having shaded and highlighted areas to provide the printed pattern on the skirt with a three dimensional appearance due to the visual perception of depth created by the shaded and highlighted areas of the printed pattern.

5. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 1 wherein the preformed flower pot cover is formed of at least one sheet of material.

6. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 5 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

7. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 6 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.

8. The preformed flower pot cover of claim 5 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of randomly positioned and bondingly connected overlapping folds, and wherein the preformed base is flattenable and unflattenable.

9. A flower pot comprising:

a preformed base having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and an opening formed through the upper end thereof and providing access to a receiving space, the preformed base having a two dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof formed by at least one ink applied thereto so as to form highlighted and shaded areas which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

10. The flower pot of claim 9 wherein the flower pot further comprises:

a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance from the upper end of the preformed base and terminating with an outer periphery.

11. The flower pot of claim 10 wherein the skirt is provided with a printed pattern thereon, the printed pattern having shaded and highlighted areas to

provide the printed pattern on the skirt with a three dimensional appearance due to the visual perception of depth created by the shaded and highlighted areas of the printed pattern.

12. The flower pot of claim 9 wherein the flower pot is formed of at least one sheet of material.

13. The flower pot of claim 12 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

14. The flower pot of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.

15. The flower pot of claim 12 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of randomly positioned and bondingly connected overlapping folds, and wherein the preformed base is flattenable and unflattenable.

16. A plant package, comprising:

a preformed base having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and a pot opening formed through the upper end thereof and providing access to a receiving space, the preformed base

having a two dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof formed by at least one ink applied thereto so as to form highlighted and shaded areas which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality; and

at least one item disposed in the receiving space of the preformed base, wherein the item is selected from the group consisting of a pot, a floral grouping, a plant, a propagule, a botanical item, growing medium, retaining medium, and combinations thereof.

17. The plant package of claim 16 further comprising a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance from the upper end of the preformed base and terminating with an outer periphery.

18. The plant package of claim 17 wherein the skirt is provided with a printed pattern thereon, the printed pattern having shaded and highlighted areas to provide the printed pattern on the skirt with a three dimensional appearance due to the visual perception of depth created by the shaded and highlighted areas of the printed pattern.

19. The plant package of claim 16 wherein the preformed base is formed of at least one sheet of material.

20. The plant package of claim 19 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

21. The plant package of claim 20 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.

22. The plant package of claim 19 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of randomly positioned and bondingly connected overlapping folds, and wherein the preformed base is flattenable and unflattenable.

23. A flower pot cover disposable about a flower pot, the flower pot cover having a printed pattern thereon including shaded and highlighted areas which provides the printed pattern with a three dimensional appearance, the flower pot cover comprising:

- a preformed base sized to contain the flower pot and having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and a pot opening formed through the upper end thereof for providing access to a pot receiving space; and

- a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance outwardly from the upper end of the base and terminating with an outer periphery, the skirt having a two

dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof formed by at least one ink applied thereto so as to form highlighted and shaded areas which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

24. The flower pot cover of claim 23 wherein the flower pot cover is formed from at least one substantially flat sheet of material having the printed pattern including shaded and highlighted areas thereon.

25. The flower pot cover of claim 23 wherein the upper end of the preformed base is disposable above the upper end of the flower pot when the flower pot is disposed in the pot receiving space and wherein the base of the flower pot cover is provided with a printed pattern thereon, the printed pattern having shaded and highlighted areas to provide the printed pattern on the base with a three dimensional appearance due to the visual perception of depth created by the shaded and highlighted areas of the printed pattern.

26. The flower pot cover of claim 23 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

26. The flower pot cover of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.